

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday August 27th 2006

Kerry Amateur Radio Group

The club operated at the Cromwell Point Lighthouse (IRE-077), Valentia Island, Co. Kerry on the 19th and 20th of August for International Lighthouse weekend. In spite of poor band conditions on the Sunday, an excess of two hundred contacts were made over the weekend using an inverted L antenna and 50 watts as the primary station. The majority of these were made on CW, and the club owes a great debt of gratitude to Brendan, EI0CZ, for travelling all the way down from Co. Clare to support the event.

The next monthly meeting is on Saturday, 2 September 2006 (8 days from now) in the coffee shop at Muckross House, Killarney National Park, starting at 10am.

Limerick Radio Club

Members of Limerick Radio Club were QRV from Tarbert Island Lighthouse No. IRE073, using the call-sign EI4TLH for the International Lighthouse Weekend on the 19th and 20th of August. The Committee would like to thank John EI6IW for arranging access to the Lighthouse and making the facilities available and to the QSL manager, Alan EI8EM. The weekend was very enjoyable and LRC look forward to next year event.

Limerick Radio Club is QRV as EI60LRC until the end of the year to mark 60 years since the clubs foundation.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

Those interested in sitting the upcoming Theory Classes should attend the Information and Registration night on Wednesday the 30th of August at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. All are welcome.

The Waterford Rally will take place on Sunday the 15th of October in the Woodlands Hotel, Waterford. Enquiries to Michael Hoban EI5DCB on 051-873310.

South Dublin Radio Club

Congratulations to Finbarr, Terry, Fred and Stephen who recently passed the theory exam. They sat the course with South Dublin Radio and Stephen has already got the call sign EI4GKB. This represents a one hundred percent pass rate for the class.

The classes are continuing with SDR every Tuesday between 8.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m. in the Marian Community Centre, Marian Road, Tempelogue. The classes are run on an ongoing basis with an informal structure and anyone interested in radio are welcome to drop in at any time.

For information contact Michael EI2GKB on 087-2481970.

VHF Nets

The next 6-metre SSB net is on Monday the 4th of September 2006 on 50.135 MHz (horizontal polarisation) at 2100 hours local time. The first net on the 5th of June 2006 included stations from all around Ireland. All are encouraged and welcome to participate.

The 4-metre activity night takes place on the first Tuesday of each month between 20:00 and 22:00 local time. The next activity night is Tuesday the 5th of September. Please send reports to "ei3ix at eircom dot net". Call in frequency is 70.2625 MHz. So if you have any AM/FM/SSB gear, vertically or horizontally polarised, give a call in! Don't forget to have a listen for the 4-metre simplexer on 70.350 MHz.

AREN Winter training

Material is currently being prepared for the next phase of member training. Topics will include the use of Digital Modes such as Automatic Packet Reporting System (APRS) and PSK 31 for emergency communications. Also covered will be Search techniques and Antennas for Emergency communications.

The material will be prepared assuming little or no prior knowledge of the topics by the participants and be available for download from the AREN website. On air sessions reviewing the material will be conducted on the 40 or 80 meter bands as conditions permit on one or two evenings per month.

The accumulated knowledge will be put into practice during a field exercise in cooperation with one of the emergency services.

All EI licensed experimenters are eligible to become members of the Amateur Radio Emergency network. For information on how to join visit www.aren.ie

Mayo Rally

The Mayo Rally will take place on Sunday the 26th of November 11:00 a.m. in the Belmont Hotel, Knock. Special rates are available for those wishing to stay overnight. Bed and Breakfast is 50 Euro per person sharing or 70 Euro with evening meal.

For bookings, contact the Belmont Hotel directly on 094-9388122. For enquiries about the Mayo rally, contact the rally organiser Padraig Baynes EI9JA on 087-6957154 or email 'pbaynes1 at eircom dot net'.

MRG VHF/UHF SSB Challenge 2006

The MRG VHF/UHF challenge will take place from 1500 hours to 1800 hours local time on Sunday the 10th of September 2006. Any EI/GI operator holding an amateur/experimenters licence can enter the contest. Clubs can also participate. There are two sections. A fixed and portable section in each of which operation can take place on 2 metres and 70 cm SSB only.

A trophy will be awarded to the winners of each section (Fixed & Portable). More information will be available in Echo Ireland. All enquiries to Joe (EI3IX) at "joe_fadden at yahoo dot com".

DX and Special Events

AP2IA is usually QRV from Pakistan on 20 metres using CW most days from around 1330 to 1500 UTC.

DT8A has been QRV from the South Shetland Islands on 30 metres at around 2030 UTC.

DS4DRE/4 is QRV from Hong Island, Korea IOTA AS-093, until the end of the year. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL direct to home call.

SX8AYT is active from a number of Greek Islands in the EU-049 IOTA group. The station will be active until the 30th of August and activity will be on 80 through to 2 metres using mainly SSB. QSL is via SV2AYT or via the bureau.

GB1CPB, representing GB One Century Portland Bill, will be QRV until the end of 2006, from Portland Bill Lighthouse in Dorset to commemorate 100 years operation of the lighthouse.

Dates for Your Diary

The SSB Field Day will take place on September the 2nd and 3rd at Garbally College in Ballinasloe.

The MRG VHF/UHF challenge will take place from 1500 hours to 1800 hours local time on Sunday the 10th of September.

The Blarney Rally will take place on September the 24th. The Waterford Rally will be held on Sunday the 15th of October and the Mayo Rally will take place on Sunday the 26th of November.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051-853806 or 087-6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to “news at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sundays bulletin.

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